

Backing Guide Hand Signals (6700)

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To reduce the Department's vehicle backing accidents, a guide, using standard hand signals, will be used whenever a vehicle is moved backwards. The guide must be told where the driver intends to go. Even though the driver uses a guide, he/she is still responsible for the vehicle.

The guide stands at the rear of the vehicle on the side presenting the greatest danger. The guide stands slightly diagonally off the rear corner and far enough back to stay clear of the vehicle, yet be seen by the driver in the mirror.

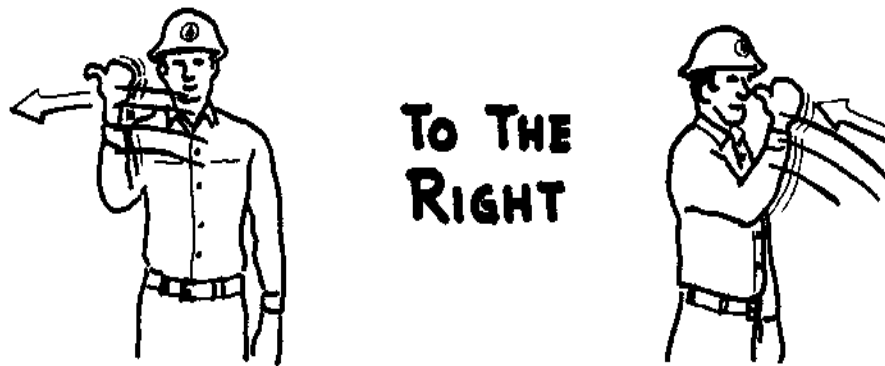
The guide will use four standard signals, as follows:



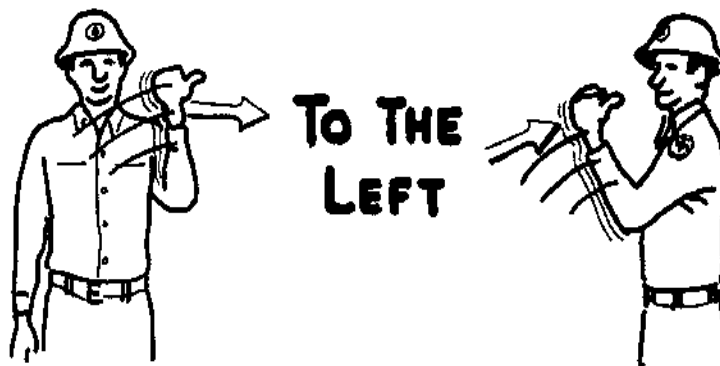
To move vehicle straight back--Both hands up, palms toward guide & motion backwards.



To stop vehicle--Both hands up, palms out & held motionless.



To direct rear of vehicle right--Right hand up in motion.



To direct rear of vehicle left--Left hand up in motion.

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